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City of Barrie

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Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, May 27, 2024 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For Consideration by the Community Safety Committee on September 25, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, C. Kenwell at 4:05 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor, N. Nigussie
C. Kenwell
W. Delo
R. Garvin
G. Kavanagh
R. Meier
H. Platt
L. Pope

Absent: 2 - K. MacDonald
E. Saba

STAFF:
Deputy City Clerk, T. Macdonald
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Manager of Health and Safety, K. Cooper
Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure, J. Zimmerman

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

BARRIE HOUSING AND THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Mary-Anne Denny-Lusk, Paula Rochon, and Rachel Savage representatives from Barrie Housing and the Women's College Hospital provided a presentation to the committee and discussed the following topics:

- Reviewed Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) and the future plan;
- Reviewed the study background information;
- Reviewed the partners associated with the project and the two related projects that are currently funded;
- Reviewed the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) objectives and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) affordable housing equity extension;
- Reviewed the Ambassador Program and community building;
- Reviewed the NORC study sites in Toronto and Barrie;
- Reviewed the current Barrie Building Profiles.

Members of committee asked the presenters several questions regarding the current projects, future project locations, and how resident communities can get involved. The presenters provided answers to the above questions and agreed to come back to a future meeting when more projects begin to start.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING PHASE ONE OF THE NEW TRANSIT NETWORK CHANGES AND TRANSIT ON DEMAND

Jason Zimmerman, Supervisor of Transit Operations and Infrastructure provided a presentation with respect to the following topics:

- Reviewed the new Transit Network within the City of Barrie;
- Reviewed the new Transit Terminal and location of the new site;
- Reviewed the Service Planning details and data;
- Reviewed the current plan for Phase One;
- Reviewed the Phased implementation plan, including Free month of May for transit riders;
- Reviewed Transit on Demand and the ways riders are able to access this;
- Reviewed the Transit on Demand service zones;

- Reviewed the plans for Phase Two;
- Reviewed Service Improvements and next steps.

Members of committee asked Mr. Zimmerman questions related to booking Transit on Demand, future bus routes and pick-up locations, as well as where in the community this new information is being provided. Mr. Zimmerman provided information with respect to the ways people can book Transit on Demand and reviewed Phase Two of the new Transit Routes. Mr. Zimmerman outlined the ways in which the public have been informed about the changes which include pamphlets on buses, in person discussions, as well as engagement with senior's communities, and recreation centres. Mr. Zimmerman agreed to come to a meeting at a later date to review the next phases in the Transit Network Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S) UPDATE

Co-Chair, C. Kenwell, provided a brief update regarding her experience participating in the Beyond Barriers program and encouraged members of the committee to participate in the event.

Committee member, G. Kavanagh asked for information regarding the City no longer having a newspaper. Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn advised the committee that Access Barrie and Communications are working on a plan and an update will be provided to the committee at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
CHAIRMAN